



San Diego DX Club Bulletin

April 2011



YL DXPEDITION TO CURACAO MARCH 2011

**MEETING PROGRAM:
10-10-10 FROM PJ4D, BONAIRE
BY JOHN K6AM**

**MEETING NOTICE:
JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER
AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON Rd
WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2011**

**SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.
MEETING, 6:30 P.M.**

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If anyone bet that this article was not going to be all about the YL DXpedition, pay up now.

We got off to entertaining start. Michelle, W5NYV, got caught up in the vortex of TSA mayhem with her 'Braid of Doom.' Her four foot braid overwhelmed the Rapidscreen \$1.6 million screening machine. 47 minutes later her Braid of Doom was finally allowed to board the plane. When we got to Miami we met up with Georgia, KI6LAV, and Margie, KG6TBR, where they joined us from their Eastern Caribbean cruise. If 'Murphy' was not working hard enough today; Michelle and Gayle's luggage was nowhere to be found, and Margie's luggage was wheel-less.

The next day Ellen, N6UWW, but not her luggage, and Rusty, AF6WF caught up with us and the YL DXpedition team was complete.

First we got the fabulous news that we had secured PJ2W to work the Russian Contest the weekend of March 19 - 20. Then Murphy struck hard and furiously. We were almost unceremoniously kicked out of the shack a day early with no place to stay. (Editor's comment: I'm sure we will hear a lot more about this when Gayle and the team get back to SoCal.)

So here we are. As this article is due to our intrepid newsletter editor, we are on the air. Hope you worked us.

73,

Gayle

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since its founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of January 31, 2010 \$4,804.10

Income:

Member dues 370.00

Expenses:

January speakers dinners 56.26

Petty cash 20.00

Total club funds \$5,117.84

Legal fund: 20.25

Shirt and hat sales: 367.53

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president Gayle, K6GO called the meeting to order at 6:30.

38 members and guests were present!

After collecting a few last minute renewals, the treasurer reported that the club membership was 95, however he was a little over enthusiastic. SDDXC now has 87 members.

The round table was again filled with tales of the ones that couldn't be heard and the ones we managed to work, in addition to observations on propagation and station activities.

Our program was 9V1YC's video of the ZL8R Raoul Island Kermasdec 2006 DXpedition

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/11	3/10 CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1. N6ND	40	238	243	299	+6
2.	3. W6YA	40	?	?	297	+6
3.	- W7DD	40	?	?	297	NEW
4.	2. K6NA	40	?	?	292	-
5.	5. W6YI	40	252	264	268	+18
6.	4. K6XT	40	250	251	260	-
7.	9. K6TQ	39	250	250	250	+20
8.	7. K6AM	40	239	240	242	-
9.	8. N6CW	39	?	189	232	-
10.	10. N6AW	40	215	217	221	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 20 METERS

3/11	3/10CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1	3. W6YA	40	339	378	378	+4
2.	4. N6CW	40	?	354	361	-
3.	6. N6ND	40	316	329	352	+3
4.	5. N6AW	40	331	350	351	-
5.	8. W6YI	40	331	347	350	+4
6.	7. K9RHY	40	336	347	347	-
7.	9. K6AM	40	337	343	343	-

It's still a horse race at the front of the 80 M pack. Rick, N6ND and Jim, W6YA both move up in tandem while newcomer W7DD drops into third place. Other than that, 20 is pretty well worked out and the top standings should remain cast in stone until we can convince the ARRL to reinstate all the deleted countries. Wayne, W6EUF moves into the Hall of Fame with scores of 246 on 80 and 374 on 20, while long time leader on 20 meters, Sam, W6BS leaves us with a final total of 380.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 15 meters, and the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

Thanks to all the members who helped out with Q's with ZF2AM and PJ2T in the recent ARRL DX contests. Congrats to the members that worked me at PJ2T on 3 or more bands: N6ND (6), K6NA (5), N6NC (5), AD6ZJ (5), NORR (5), N6VS (4), N6XT (4), and W6YA (3).

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YL DXpedition to Curacao

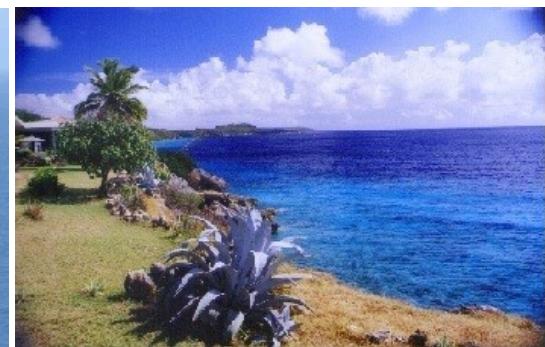
Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

Our own club President, Gayle, K6GO was joined by SDDXC members Rusty Kalkofen, AF6WF and Ellen Utchig, N6UWW along with Michelle Thompson, W5NYV, Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR and Georgia Smith, KI6LAV on a YL DXpedition to Curacao from March 17-21, 2011. Operating from the Caribbean Contest Consortium (CCC) station using the calls PJ2/NA6YL and PJ2W, the DXpedition was boomerang into San Diego on 20 meters the morning of the 19th. There were also spots for PJ2W on 10 and 15 meters as well as WARC band spots for PJ2/NA6YL.

Curacao, PJ2, became an all-time New One for many (most/all?) of us on 10 - 10 - 10.

According to the web site, the requirements for the selected site were few:

warm climate, good location, minimal station setup, and adult beverages available. YL DXpedition website
<http://www.yldxpeditions.com/>



In the cover photo from left:

- Michelle Thompson, W5NYV
- Marilyn Bolnick, KJ6YL
- Gayle Olson, K6GO
- Rusty Kalkofen, AF6WF
- Georgia Smith, KI6LAV
- Ellen Utchig, N6UWW
- Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR

73, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY





DX Is!!

The IOTA Bash 2011 was held in Boerne, TX on March 11 – 12. Presentations included T32CI OC-281, T32MI OC-279, T32VI OC-282 and T32SI OC-280, P29NI OC-205, P29VCX OC-102/116, P29VLR OC-231, V73RRC OC-278, V73QQ OC-087, AD5A/KL5 and AB5EB/AL0 from NA-158, KL7RRC/p NA-235, XV3RRC AS-157, XV7RRC AS-162 . For more information and updates about IOTA Bash please go to: <http://www.islandradio.org/iotabash2011.html>

April 2011 Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
QCWA Spring QSO Party	2-Apr	3-Apr	27-Feb	1800Z

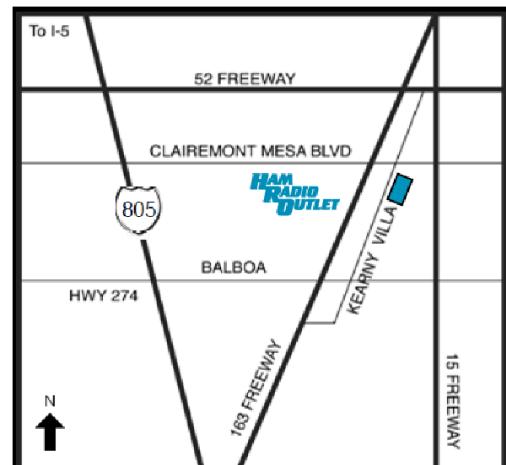
April is not an exciting month for major DX contests!

BANGLADESH, S2. S21YZ by the FGC DX Group. They will be active with four stations on 160-10 meters SSB, CW and RTTY until 30 March. QSL via JH1AJT. Further information, including log search and details can be found at www.s21yx.com

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS, VU4 (AS-001). Members of the Amateur Radio Society of India are QRV as VU4PB from the capital of Port Blair until March 31. Activity is with four stations on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and EME on 6 meters. QSL direct via W3HNK. Further information and details at: <http://arsi.info/dxpeditions/vu4pb-mar-2011>

For Sale:

Ten Tec Titan 425 amplifier in excellent condition by a non smoking user. It easily puts out full legal power on all HF bands, including 17 and 12m. A good feature of this amplifier is its separate power supply, making the RF deck easy to handle. Also included is one spare 3CX800A7 tube. All three tubes were just hi-pot checked by RF Parts and are in good condition. I have two spare amplifiers and a spare for the spares, so don't need to keep this one. I'm not interested in shipping, so prefer pick up only. If necessary I can deliver within 30 miles of Encinitas. Price \$2000. Please call me at (760) 822-7709 if interested. Jim McCook, W6YA



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